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SUBJ: 1. ALLEGED TRAFFICKER IN THE CASE OF 250 KILOGRAMS OF
OPIUM SEIZED AT MUANG NA, THAILAND, JAN 26, 1975
2. REFINERIES IN BURMA

1. GENERAL LI WEN-HUAN TOLD MEHLERT FEBRUARY 1 THAT THE 250 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM SEIZED JAN 26 AT MUANG NA WERE BEING TRANSPORTED BY MU TA-FA (3092-1129-4099), SON OF MU CH'ENG-WU (3092-2052-2976). THE LATTER ACCORDING TO LI, IS COMMANDER OF THE "THIRD TA-TAI" OPERATING IN BURMA WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GRC'S IBMND.

2. LI ALLEGED THAT THERE WERE A TOTAL OF NINE HORSES IN THE GROUP, THREE OF WHICH ESCAPED. HE SAID ALSO THAT MU IS A MOSLEM CHINESE AND THAT THE SHIPMENT ORIGINATED WITH CHINESE MOSLEMS MERCHANTS IN UPPER SHAN STATE.

3. LI ALSO ALLEGED THAT A HEROIN REFINERY WAS BEING OPERATED EAST OF HSEN WI AT NAN CHUANG (PHONETIC-UNLOCATED) BY LI FO-MING (2621-3127-2590), A LOCAL CHINESE; AND WANG HSIEN-CHANG
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(3769-2009-4545), AN OFFICER FROM TAIWAN. LI SAID THAT LI AND

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WANG ALSO HEADED A UNIT OF TROOPS SUPPORTED BY THE GRC'S IBMND.

4. ADRIAN COWELL TOLD MEHLERT FEB 9 THAT HE HAD KNOWN LI FA-MING IN SHAN STATE IN 1972-1973. COWELL SAID THAT LI WAS A SUBORDINATE OF LO HSING-HAN IN THE KOKANG KHAKWEYEI AND HAD DEVELOPED HIS OWN EXPANDED ORGANIZATION AFTER LO'S ARREST BY THE RTG IN JULY 1973. COWELL SAID THAT LI WAS BELIEVED BY LOCAL PEOPLE TO HAVE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE IBMND.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION TAIPEI COULD PROVIDE ON THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS.
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